

What is Claimed:

- 1 1. Wireless radiofrequency data communication system comprising:
  - 2 • a base-station comprising multiple first sets and a signal processing-unit, wherein each first
  - 3 set comprises a transmitter- and receiver-unit provided with a transmitter and a receiver and
  - 4 at least one antenna which is connected to the transmitter- and receiver-unit, wherein the
  - 5 signal processing-unit is connected with each of the first sets for processing signals
  - 6 received by the first sets and processing signals to be transmitted by the first sets, and
  - 7 • multiple second sets, wherein each second set comprises a transmitter- and receiver-unit
  - 8 provided with a transmitter and a receiver and at least one antenna which is connected to
  - 9 the transmitter- and receiver-unit, characterised in that, the signal processing-unit comprises
  - 10 information about the transfer-functions of radiofrequency signals from each of the
  - 11 antennas of the first sets to each of the antennas of the second sets and/or vice versa, and
  - 12 wherein the transmitters and receivers, both in the first sets and in the second sets, operate
  - 13 on essentially the same radiofrequency or radiofrequency-band, and wherein the signal
  - 14 processing-unit processes the signals received by the first sets and processes the signals to
  - 15 be transmitted by the first sets on the basis of said transfer functions such that for each
  - 16 second set of a plurality of the second sets an individual communication channel is formed
  - 17 with the base-station wherein these communication channels are generated simultaneously
  - 18 and separately from each other.
- 1 2. Wireless radiofrequency data communication system according to claim 1,  
2 characterised in that, the communication channels are duplex communication channels.
- 1 3. Wireless radiofrequency data communication system according to claim 2,  
2 characterised in that, the number of first sets is N and, in use, the number of second sets is M,  
3 wherein N is greater than M, wherein the signal processing-unit is provided with an inputport  
4 for inputting M signals to be received by the respective M second sets, wherein the processing  
5 unit is arranged to process the M signals in combination on the basis of the information of the  
6 transfer-functions to obtain N transmit-signals which are fed to the respective N first sets for  
7 being transmitted by the first sets to the second sets and wherein the processing unit is

8 arranged to process the M signals in combination in such a way that the M signals are received  
9 separately by the respective M second sets if the second sets each receive the N transmit-  
10 signals, thereby establishing M of said simultaneous communication channels.

1 4. Wireless radiofrequency data communication system according to claim 3,  
2 characterised in that, the processing unit is arranged to, in use, process, on the basis of the  
3 information about the transfer-functions  $\mathbf{H}$ , the M signals  $\mathbf{Q}$  to obtain the N transmit-signals  
4  $\mathbf{R}$ , to be transmitted by the first sets, according to

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{P}_D \mathbf{Q}, \quad (\text{A})$$

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6 resulting in that the M signals  $\mathbf{Q}$  are received separately by the respective second sets if the  
7 second sets each receive the N transmit-signals, where  $\mathbf{P}_D = [\mathbf{H}^* (\mathbf{H}^* \mathbf{H})^{-1}]^T$  is the pseudo-  
8 inverse for  $\mathbf{H}^T$  and where  $\mathbf{H}^*$  is the complex conjugated and transposed of  $\mathbf{H}$ , wherein  $\mathbf{H}$  is a  
9 complex  $[N * M]$  matrix containing transfer functions  $h_{ij}$  ( $i=1, \dots, N$ ;  $j=1, \dots, M$ ), wherein  $h_{ij}$  is  
10 the transfer function for transmission from the  $j^{\text{th}}$  second set of the M second sets to the  $i^{\text{th}}$  first  
11 set of the N first sets, and where  $\mathbf{Q}$  is a complex M dimensional vector  $[Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_j, \dots, Q_M]^T$   
12 wherein  $Q_j$  is the signal to be transmitted to the  $j^{\text{th}}$  second set of the M second sets and where  
13  $\mathbf{R} = [R_1, R_2, \dots, R_i, \dots, R_N]^T$  wherein  $R_i$  is the transmit- signal to be transmitted by the  $i^{\text{th}}$  first set  
14 of the N first sets.

1 5. Wireless radiofrequency data communication system according to claim 1,  
2 characterised in that,

3 the number of first sets is N and, in use, the number of second sets is M, wherein  
4 N is greater than M, wherein, in use, each of the M second sets transmits a signal so that M  
5 signals are transmitted to be received in combination by the first sets wherein the signal  
6 processing-unit is arranged to process in combination signals received by each of the first sets  
7 on the basis of the information about the transfer-functions to recover the M signals  
8 transmitted by the M second sets separately from each other, thereby obtaining M of said  
9 simultaneous communication channels.

1 6. Wireless radiofrequency data communication system according to claim 5,  
2 characterised in that, the processing unit is arranged to, in use, process, on the basis of the

information about the transfer-functions  $\mathbf{H}$ , the signals  $\mathbf{r}$  which are received by the first sets, to calculate an estimation  $\mathbf{x}_{\text{est}}$  of the  $M$  signals  $\mathbf{x}^c$  which were transmitted by the  $M$  second sets, according to the mathematical expression

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{est}} = \mathbf{P}_U \mathbf{r}, \quad (\mathbf{B})$$

where  $\mathbf{P}_U = [(\mathbf{H}^* \mathbf{H})^{-1} \mathbf{H}^*]$  is the pseudo-inverse for  $\mathbf{H}$  and where  $\mathbf{H}^*$  is the complex conjugated and transposed of  $\mathbf{H}$ , wherein  $\mathbf{H}$  is a complex  $[N * M]$  matrix containing transfer functions  $h_{ij}$  ( $i=1, \dots, N; j=1, \dots, M$ ), wherein  $h_{ij}$  is the transfer function for transmission from the  $j^{\text{th}}$  second set of the  $M$  second sets to the  $i^{\text{th}}$  first set of the  $N$  first sets,  $\mathbf{r}$  is a complex  $N$  dimensional vector  $[r_1, \dots, r_i, \dots, r_N]^T$  with  $r_i$  the signal received by the  $i^{\text{th}}$  first set of the  $N$  first sets,  $\mathbf{x}_{\text{est}}$  is a complex  $M$  dimensional vector  $[x_{\text{est}1}, \dots, x_{\text{est}j}, \dots, x_{\text{est}M}]^T$  where  $x_{\text{est}j}$  is an estimation of  $x_j^c$ , and where  $\mathbf{x}^c$  is a complex  $M$ -dimensional vector  $[x_1^c, \dots, x_j^c, \dots, x_M^c]^T$ , with  $x_j^c$  being the signal transmitted by the  $j^{\text{th}}$  second set of the  $M$  second sets.

7. Wireless radiofrequency data communication system according to claim 6, characterised in that each second set comprises a serial-to-parallel/parallel-to-serial unit, which unit, in use, splits the data signal of said second set in a multiple of signals, and means for modulating these signals on different frequencies according to the Inverse Fast Fourier Transformation, and wherein each first set comprises a unit for executing a Fast Fourier Transformation on the signals received by said first set and means for combining the transformed signals in order to recover said data-signal.

8. Wireless radiofrequency data communication system comprising in use:

- $k_1$  multiple first groups, wherein each first group comprises a transmitter-unit and at least one antenna which is connected to the transmitter-unit for transmitting a signal; and
- $k_2$  multiple second groups, wherein each second group comprises a receiver-unit and at least one antenna which is connected to the receiver-unit,

characterised in that, the wireless radiofrequency data communication system further comprises a signal processing-unit which is, if  $k_1 > k_2$ , connected to each of, the first groups and which is, if  $k_1 < k_2$ , connected to each of, the second groups, wherein the signal processing-unit comprises information about the transfer-functions of radiofrequency signals

from each of the first groups to each of the second groups and/or vice versa, and wherein, each of the transmitter-units, of the first groups operates on essentially the same radiofrequency or radiofrequency band, and wherein, in use, if  $k_1 > k_2$ , the signal processing-unit processes  $k_2$  data-signals to be transmitted to the  $k_2$  second groups for obtaining  $k_1$  signals which are supplied to the respective first groups to be transmitted, wherein the  $k_2$  data signals are processed on the basis of said transfer functions in such a manner that the respective second groups will receive separately the respective  $k_2$  data-signals, thereby establishing  $k_2$  simultaneous communication channels, and wherein, in use, if  $k_1 < k_2$ , the signal processing-unit processes  $k_2$  signals, which are received by the respective second groups on the basis of said transfer functions in such way that an estimation is made of the  $k_1$  signals transmitted by the first groups, thereby establishing  $k_1$  simultaneous communication channels.

9. Wireless radiofrequency data communication system according to claim 8, characterised in that each first group comprises a serial-to-parallel/parallel-to-serial unit, which unit, in use, splits the data signal in a multiple of signals, and means for modulating these signals on different frequencies according to the Inverse Fast Fourier Transformation, and wherein each second group comprises a unit for executing a Fast Fourier Transformation on the signals received by said second group and means for combining the transformed signals in order to recover said data-signal.